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KENT AND SUSSEX PRISONERS

The people of Kent and Sussex counties are making a serious mistake in seeking to have repealed the act providing for the removal to the workhouse near this city of long-term prisoners. This plan was to have gone into operation in April next, but now there is a movement on foot to have the act annulled. Kent and Sussex tax payers are trying to take a step backward. For many years the old jail at Georgetown has been a mere shack and it is never known when there will be a general jail delivery. The building is unsanitary and utterly unfit for the purpose intended. There are comparatively few long-term prisoners in either of the two lower counties but they are a constant source of expense and a menace to their respective communities. Further, the prisoners are kept in idleness, in spite of the long-established provision of law providing that prisoners can be put at work on the roads.

At the New Castle county workhouse the prisoners are kept employed and thus prepared to be of use to themselves when released. They are kept and boarded at a nominal expense and the cost to the two lower counties for the care of the prisoners here would be nominal. In addition they would be certain of being held, as escape is almost impossible. The sheriffs of both Kent and Sussex counties would be relieved of a great responsibility. As it is now both Dover and Georgetown need new prisons, but the people do not feel that they can afford the expense.

In accordance with modern penal methods the act to have all long-term prisoners carded in the workhouse in this county is just what is needed. Neither Kent nor Sussex can afford a modern prison and thus the natural and business like thing to do is to send their charges here, paying New Castle county perhaps less than it now costs per capita to run the obsolete jails. Naturally it is for Kent and Sussex counties to decide for themselves what they prefer to do, yet in the name of humanity it would appear as if it should large should take cognizance of the miserable conditions in Dover and Georgetown and stand by the act it is now sought to repeal. We do not understand why the two lower counties are anxious to take a back step at this time. They ought to be able to see that they are blundering. —Morning News.

PAY OF OUR SOLDIERS

Now it is proposed to increase the pay of the soldiers in the United States Army. Bills are pending in Congress for a general advance of twenty per cent. in their wages. These bills are comprehensive, as the suggested increase affects all the officers as well as the privates. The pay of the latter has not been such as to hold out financial inducements to men to enter the service of Uncle Sam. The Marine Corps and the Revenue Marine Service are to be included in the proposed increase. The measure also provides for retirement after thirty years of service. This is a good idea. How beneficial it would be if all honest men who spend years of toil in any business could be assured of a pension after their days of usefulness and faithful work are over. It would alter in many respects our social life.

The present pay of army men was arranged in 1872 and there has been no increase or advance despite the increased cost of living. Uncle Sam has treated his employees as does many a private concern—no increase of wages unless the employees are strong enough through their labor union to demand such advances. But even the advance of twenty per cent. it is said in Washington, will not make up for the increased cost of living, and the army officers believe that financially they are much worse off than they were a third of a century ago. The nation is rich and opulent and can well afford the advances for her soldiers and sailors. —Evening Journal.

INTERESTING ROAD FIGURES

Compiled by Highway Commissioner Price From Auditors' Report.

According to a table compiled by Highway Commissioner Francis A. Price and checked by J. H. Pierson, deputy county comptroller, from the report of the audit of the road commissioners of New Castle county for the last fiscal year, there are about 1,300 miles of road in the county under the care of the commissioners, as follows: Brandywine hundred, 3; Christiana, 18; Mill Creek, 710; White Clay Creek, 50; New Castle, 100; Pencader, 75; Red Lion, 45; St. Georges, 107; Appoquinimink, 185; Blackbird, 108.

The total value of assessable property, according to the assessment figures, is \$17,441,97, as follows: Brandywine hundred, \$2,908,800; Christiana, \$2,399,835; Mill Creek, \$2,013,38; White Clay Creek, \$2,005,200; St. Georges, \$2,268,000; Appoquinimink, \$1,013,752; Blackbird, \$750,820.

The road tax is assessed in the several hundreds, on the basis of each \$100 of assessment, as follows: Brandywine hundred, \$22, costs being the lowest; Mill Creek, \$51, the highest; St. Georges, 25; Pencader, 28; Blackbird, 32; Brandywine, Christiana, White Clay Creek and New Castle, \$24; Red Lion, \$19; St. Georges, \$15; Appoquinimink, \$7; Blackbird, 10.

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This would make the amount of tax levied for road purposes, \$59,730, by hundreds, as follows: Brandywine, \$8,780,700; Christiana, 10,490,30; Mill Creek, 10,063,50; White Clay Creek, 4,655,70; New Castle, 8,725,85; Pencader, 2,937,70; Red Lion, 2,191,64; St. Georges, 5,670; Appoquinimink, 3,749,69; Blackbird, 1,001,85.

To collect the road tax cost the several hundreds, in the aggregate, \$3,102,68, although some of the tax levied was not collected. The cost for collection in the several hundreds was as follows: Brandywine, \$533,04; Christiana, \$683,86; Mill Creek, 668,95; White Clay Creek, 180,29; New Castle, 261,15; Pencader, 188,85; Red Lion, \$145,46; St. Georges, 303,34; Appoquinimink, 240,44; Blackbird, 155,56.

The salaries of road commissioners, clerk hire, &c., amounted to \$2,192,37; Brandywine hundred, \$1,022,00; Christiana, 614,00; Mill Creek, 515,44; White Clay Creek, 1,554,44; Christiana, 1,811,30; Mill Creek, 2,257,97; White Clay Creek, 5,770; New Castle, 1,820,74; Pencader, 3,633; Red Lion, \$1,732,87; St. Georges, 3,585; Appoquinimink, 5,666; Blackbird, 18,98.

Hauling and labor on the roads cost \$22,286,31, as follows: Brandywine hundred, 3,584,90; Christiana, 4,441,92; Mill Creek, 4,490,61; White Clay Creek, 1,362,73; New Castle, \$582,28; Pencader, 2,252,80; Red Lion, 714,64; St. Georges, 2,187,44; Appoquinimink, 1,412,29; Blackbird, 1,256,43.

Materials cost \$7,228,57, as follows: Brandywine hundred, 1,963,69; Christiana, 1,266,91; Mill Creek, 1,407,10; White Clay Creek, 399,37; New Castle, 153,18; Pencader, 304,12; Red Lion, 66,75; St. Georges, 224,38; Appoquinimink, 172,99; Blackbird, 514,37.

A section of road was built in Christiana hundred at a cost of \$1,000. Mill Creek hundred expended \$1,128,53 on road repair and machinery.

The maintenance of roads in the several hundreds, in the aggregate, \$38,931, as follows: Brandywine hundred, 6,521,55; Christiana, 8,191,21; Mill Creek, 9,533,13; White Clay Creek, 2,155,39; New Castle, 153,18; Pencader, 304,12; Red Lion, 66,75; St. Georges, 224,38; Appoquinimink, 172,99; Blackbird, 514,37.

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Meals to be as follows:

Going North—7:20 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Going South—4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.
For Boston—7:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 11:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.
For Warwick, Cincinatti and Earlville 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 26, 1907.

Local News

Talking Machines and Records at MONROE'S.

Gather Walnuts and take them to MONTGOMERY'S.

Popular sheet music for sale, 10 and 25 cents. MAS. G. W. PETERSON.

HORSE SHOEING.—Plain 75¢ cash.

Subscription guaranteed.

J. C. GREEN.

Let us do your printing, no matter how small the order, and give us a chance to prove how well we can do it.

Take your Walnuts to C. S. MONTGOMERY'S and get the highest cash prices.

Outing Fannie, Night Dresses and Wrappers, my own make.

MAS. G. W. PETERSON.

Hear the latest Phonograph Records at MONROE'S.

Do not neglect your teeth. A little attention now will save you much pain and expense later on. DR. J. ALLEN JOHNSON, Middletown, will make examination and estimate without charge. Gas given for painless extracting.

Pure Buckwheat Flour at EVANS' EXCHANGE STORE.

FOR SALE.—A Mason Piano, cost \$400; has been used one year, in first-class condition. Will sell for \$175. APPL TO THIS OFFICE.

FOR SALE.—A house 24x38 feet, nearly new; have no use for it and will sell cheap.

A. L. ORELL, Odessa, Del.

Hustlers wanted everywhere \$25 to \$30 made weekly. Distributing Circulars, packages, overseeing Out Door Advertising. Experience not needed, new plan. No canvassing. Address: Mervin's Out Door Advertising Co., 79 Dearborn St., Chicago.

FOR SALE.—The "Vail Farm," containing 120 acres, at Hickory Grove, 2 miles from Delaware City. This is an exceptionally fine farm. Also the home farm of Thomas Rees, near Chesapeake City, containing 110 acres, with everything in complete order. These are two fine homes. GREGOR W. INGRAM.

MONTGOMERY will pay cash for Black Walnuts in the shell.

Edison Phonographs and Records for sale at WALTER MONROE'S.

EXTRACTS ABSOLUTELY PAINLESS a specialty, by the new improved Sonno formula gas. No after effects. For moderate prices and perfect satisfaction guaranteed on all Dental work, call and see DR. G. A. BURTON.

You don't have to go to the city to hear the latest Edison Phonograph Records. WALTER MONROE has them.

FOR RENT.—Large commodious corner store in Odessa, now occupied by F. B. Watkins. Apply to

D. W. CORBIN,

Odessa, Del.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Jan. 23: Miss Esther Bordley, Miss Martha Davis, Miss Laura Hall, Miss T. E. Jones, Mrs. Clara West.

We hope our subscribers will send in the amount due us. Each dollar means a year's work for us, and while we have been waiting on you, obligations have been growing and we now need prompt payment of these bills, even if they are only due.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow

FOR RENT.—Store Room, Broad and Lake streets. Good location and business opportunity. Possession on March 25th, 1907. WILLIAM BROOKIN.

Rev. A. E. Clay gave a delightful lecture before the Century Club last Tuesday, his subject being "The West Indies." Before the lecture Mrs. Fred Brady, Mrs. J. G. Bradion and Mr. Clay gave a beautiful vocal trio. Next week's program for the Club includes: History Review; Current Events; Selectio's from Wordsworth, Miss Eliza Green; Poore writers of the English Lake Country, Miss Myrtle Houston; Paper, "The Transformation of George Eliot," Mrs. W. B. Biggs; Music.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of Bethel, M. E. Church will hold a supper in the room over THE TRANSCRIPT office, on Friday evening, February 1st. This promises to be a very rare treat. Fried oysters, chicken salad, cold ham, biscuits, coffee, jellies and pickles will be served for the small sum of thirty-five cents. Homemade ice cream and cake will also be for sale. The ladies will begin serving at 5 P. M., for those wishing an early supper.

The young men of Odessa have issued invitations for a mid-winter dance, in the Town Hall of that place, on Tuesday evening, February 12th. The patrons will be: Mrs. F. B. Watkins, Mrs. C. E. Pool, Mrs. H. F. Smyth, Mrs. Lee Sparks, Mrs. Carrie Appleton, Mrs. G. L. Townsend, Jr. Committees of Arrangements: A. P. Corbin, F. B. Watkins, W. H. Townsend, Lee Sparks, H. S. Brady, J. H. Foard, D. C. Aspril, E. M. Shalcross.

The Sunday School "Missionary Day Service" will be held at St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Sunday, January 27th, at 3 P. M. All who are interested in the Missionary work of the Church are earnestly invited to attend. The music will be rendered by the Choir assisted by many of the scholars of the Public School. A solo from Stainer's "Crucifixion," "So Then liftest Thy divine compassion?" will be sung by the Rector and Mr. Jay Parker.

Fire at the Court House

Damage to the extent of about \$300 was done by a fire of unknown origin, which started in the woman's witness room in the second story of the Court House, at Tenth and Market streets, Monday night. The fire was kept in that room and was soon extinguished after the engines arrived. It was discovered at 10:30 o'clock, and watchman Logue says he made his rounds upstairs about twenty minutes before the blaze was discovered and did not notice anything wrong in the woman's witness room. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

ENGINEER DIES SUDDENLY

David S. Reeder had Just Completed his Run to Townsend

Death called David S. Reeder, of Centreville, Md., one of the oldest and best-known engineer drivers in the employ of the Delaware railroad, at the conclusion of his run from the Maryland town to Townsend Tuesday morning, and when the dying man was tenderly lifted from the locomotive cab and carried into the waiting room of the station at Townsend, his hand still firmly grasped the throttle.

Until within a short distance of Townsend and Engineer Reeder appeared to be in good health and as usual, was anxious to make the run on time. In this he was successful, but just as the train rolled into Townsend and came to a stop in front of the station, the spectators gathered on the platform saw pallor overspread the engine driver's face and suddenly he fell out the window of his cab.

The spectators who witnessed the occurrence, notified Conductor Maddow, the train, and he, with the fireman, carried the aged engineer into the waiting room. A physician was summoned, but death ensued in just ten minutes after the train rolled into the station at 9:30 o'clock. Death was due to apoplexy.

Mr. Reeder was sixty-two years old and was one of the oldest employees of the Delaware railroad. For years he ran trains on the main line of the road and also on the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia divisions, during which time he had made his home in Wilmington.

His transfer to the Centreville branch took place three years ago, and since that time he had lived at Centreville.

DELAWARE EXHIBIT AT JAMESTOWN

Governor Prent Lea has appointed the Jamestown Exposition Commission, which will expend Delaware's appropriation and have Delaware's representation at the big national fair, as follows: David C. Rose, of Newark; Oliver A. Newton, of Bridgeville; T. Coleman DuPont, of Wilmington; William S. Hilles, of Wilmington; former Governor John Houn, of Wyoming; former Congressman John W. Cawley, of Milford; John A. Eglewood, mayor of Ellendale; J. Dallas Marvel, of Laurel. The commission serves without pay and will not have to be confirmed by the Senate. Governor Lea, who is chairman of the commission, has received a communication from Secretary Shipherd, of the exposition company, which states that Delaware is entitled to use 3500 feet of space in the States' Building and the Mines and Metallurgy Building at the exposition. This is to be provided free of cost, and is in addition to the space that Delaware is to have within the Delaware building.

The many friends of Mr. Corbin Vinyard, who is recovering from typhoid fever, will be glad to learn that he will be out in a few days.

ODESSA

Miss Emma B. Eccles has been spending this week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. O. C. Stevens was a Philadelphia visitor on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Swan, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Mr. William Heller.

Mr. M. Grumminger and daughter, Mrs. M. Morton, left Monday for New York where they will visit her son, Mr. George E. Grumminger.

Miss Amelia Muhlbarger who has been employed in Philadelphia for sometime past is home for an extended visit.

Mr. Edgar Spicer, of Elkton, was a visitor in town on Thursday.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of this town will hold a measuring social in the Lecture Room of the St. Paul M. E. Church on Tuesday evening, January 29th. Fifteen cents for five feet and one cent for each inch more will be assessed. An interesting program will be given and refreshments served.

By Mr. Richards, to prevent any person giving away liquor within one mile of a polling place on election day. Penalty, \$200 fine or three months' imprisonment, or both.

Notice of bills—By Mr. Messick, to repeat that part of the law which requires Sussex County to sell its long term prisoners to New Castle County Workhouse.

By Mr. Holcomb, to fix the salary of judges ad litem who may be appointed.

By Mr. Taylor, appropriating \$2500 for the maintenance of the Old People's Home in Dover.

Mr. Conner gave notice of an act proposing an amendment to the Constitution, by changing the boundaries of the Sixth and Ninth Representative districts of Kent County.

The biennial report of the fish commission, C. J. Luff, was read to the Senate. This report showed a great decrease in food fish and in shad fishing and sturgeon fishing.

In the House the bill calling for free transportation of all State and County officers was called up for final action, but owing to a question of constitutionality, it was referred to the legislative attorney for a decision.

In the Senate notice of new measures to be introduced included an act to suppress bucket shops, and an act to regulate rates and tolls of telephone companies.

In the House the notices included an act to prohibit the erection of telephone, telegraph or other poles in front of properties within the limits of the city of Wilmington without first obtaining the consent of the owner; and an act to prohibit the giving away of intoxicating liquors at elections.

Residents of Pennsylvania, who have been squatting along the Delaware river and bay during the fishing season are likely to get a setback during the coming spring. Fishermen from Port Penn, Delaware City and New Castle will join in an effort to have the legislature pass a bill to be presented by Representative Chauncey P. Holcomb prohibiting these squatters from fishing in the jurisdiction of Delaware.

Introduced—By Mr. Hirons, appropriating \$40.33 to Miss Margaret B. Cooper for services assisting the auditor of accounts; appropriating \$350 to Miss F. Edna Dick as compensation for services as clerk to the auditor of accounts. By Mr. Taylor amending the law by reducing the license on photographers from \$20 to \$10.

By Mr. Messick, to prohibit the holding of any primary or general election in a schoolhouse in Delaware.

By Mr. Ulrich, to make illegitimate children of a mother her heir at law.

Senator Rose is to introduce a bill to suppress bucket shops, as certain forms of stockholders' offices are known, within the state.

Representative Holcomb is to introduce a measure imposing a fine of \$50 or imprisonment up to three months, or both, upon any person who drinks liquor from a bottle in a railroad or railway car within the state or who expedites on the floor of any such car. The liquor drinking will not apply to dining cars on railroads, however.

By Mr. Hirons, providing for the binding and rebinding of certain books in the State Library.

By Mr. Richardson, to repeal the law that makes a state appropriation to Sunday Schools.

John D. Boulden is spending a few days with Thomas Price near Chesapeake City.

Mrs. Uriel Ginn, of McDowell, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Vinyard on Tuesday.

Miss Hylie Boulden is spending several days with her cousin, Miss Mae Price, of Philadelphia.

Miss Carrie Numbers, of Clayton, has returned home from visiting Rev. F. S. Cau and wife.

Senators Richardson to Entertain

Members of the Legislature are to be entertained by United States Senator-elect Harry A. Richardson on Monday evening at a reception of that body.

Word was passed around, informally yesterday afternoon that Mr. Richardson proposed to give a reception to the Assemblymen, Republicans and Democrats alike and dinner may be a feature of the evening.

CECILTON

Rev. Dawson spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Miss Mary Etherington spent Sunday with Mrs. R. W. Blackway.

Miss Blanche Padley spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Ollie Clark.

Mrs. R. W. Blackway entertained her niece, Mrs. Fletcher and son, Kent a few days.

Miss Elizabeth Robertson, of Delaware, was spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. James Launes.

Mrs. J. C. Smith attended the funeral of his brother Daniel on Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Miss Annie Richards, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with her sister, Miss Mollie Richards.

Miss Bessie Culbertson is visiting her sister, Miss Amy Culbertson at the home of Miss Sibley Wilson.

Evangelist Clark has returned to his home in Delmar, Del., after three weeks of assisting Rev. Dawson in the extra meeting at the M. E. Church. Over 25 were converted.

WARRICK

Revival services will begin here to-morrow (Sunday) evening.

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Miss Carrie Numbers, of Clayton, has returned home from visiting Rev. F. S. Cau and wife.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Lulu Lindley is spending the week with friends in the country.

Mrs. Edna Lindley is spending some time in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Ethel Pennington visited friends in Philadelphia last week.

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He took her hand and kissed it always. Ruth! he said, tentatively. And of course, dear, it just be just as you think best.

Then when she had left him, he put up his painting traps—for he could not work any more that day—and he sat there thinking—and half-unconsciously wondering the while, if Mimi would not yet come.

And though he honestly tried to regard himself as a man whose dearest hopes had just been blighted by a fickle woman's whim, he could not altogether succeed, for Mimi's sweet and flowerlike face, so full of love and admiration for him, rose ever before his eyes.

So it came to pass that before Mortimer turned his face toward the window in the autumn he had asked Mimi to be his wife. And then, as well as in the early springtime when they were married, Ruth seemed as glad of their happiness as even the invalid mother appeared to be.

At last the crisis was over, and the invalid began to improve. One evening she had fallen into a quiet sleep. Ruth softly left the room and stole downstairs. She had heard Mortimer's voice with Mimi's in the garden, and she thought she would join them for a while.

But where had they gone? She still could hear the murmur of their voices and she followed the sound until it led her toward the rustic seat by the rose arbor—where Mortimer and she had sat that happy, happy night.

Ab, here they were! She saw Mortimer bend forward and take Mimi's hand. What he was saying she did not hear, but his tones were as low and tender as they had been on that other night—when he had told her of his love.

What could it mean? Slowly Mimi raised her drooping head, and there was no mis- understanding the love-light in the young girl's eyes.

Ruth crushed her hands against her heart. She waited no longer, she looked no more. Silently, swiftly she retraced her steps until she found herself again by the sleeper's side.

There was nothing unusual to Mimi that night in her sister's kiss. But in the morning she noticed that Ruth was pale and silent.

My poor, sweet little mamma! she cried a moment later; I must go to her! And she darted from them, up the stairs to the room where the patient invalid lay waiting and watching for her darling's home coming.

Ruth turned to Mortimer with a bright, questioning smile.

Yes, she is very charming, he admitted, half grudgingly. But she reminds me of a humming-bird—

You do not know Mimi yet, said Ruth. Where once she fixes her affection she never wavers. The child, for all her gayety, is true as steel.

Mortimer and Ruth had been playmates in early childhood, and her first real grief had been his going away to school. At first he had come home again at vacation time, but by and by came college days and then long years of art study and travels abroad. And Mortimer had returned this spring time, on a sketching trip to the home of his boyhood, for the first time in many years.

There are places on our coast which change but little in the course of years, and Bay Point was one of these. But the people change. Mortimer's old home had long ago been broken up, and of all his childhood's associates he had found but one remaining. In some odd corner of his memory the name Ruth Pemberton had lingered. And the lovely, stately girl who had greeted him as friend instead of the utter stranger he had at first felt himself to be, had seemed the fairest creature he had ever known.

He had seemed from the first his ideal realized, and he was jealous of her many household cares which prevented him from enjoying the sunshine of her presence every hour of the day. He was jealous, too, of the invalid stepmother and Ruth's devotion to her, and of the absent young half-sister.

Ruth's love for her early playmate grew and blossomed as naturally and as beautifully as the rose vines over the arbor where he had told her of his love. It had seemed as if no mortal's happiness had ever been so complete as theirs. And Mortimer felt that any change must mar it in some way, so he had begged that for a time it should be a secret between themselves. Ruth had given way to his wishes.

After Mimi's homecoming it was natural that the girl should be much in the society of her sister's artist friend. It was natural that the invalid mother, not knowing of her stepdaughter's engagement to Mortimer Lacey, should begin to build up hopes and airy dreams for the future of her only child. It was natural, too, that Mortimer should soon feel and begin to show an indulgent affection for his love's

He went to the window and stared out gloomily. On the ledge lay a book. It was one he had seen in Ruth's hands that day—and a bit of ribbon marked her place. He opened it, and as he turned it to catch the fading light his eyes fell upon these words, lightly marked:

If she be smaller than thou art, bend a little and whisper in her ear.

This was Ruth's message to him, and he understood it as she had known he would. It showed him the only way that happiness might lie.

He closed the book, and after a little while he went out and comforted his wife.

OUR WOMAN'S COLUMN

Short Pungent Paragraphs Gathered Here and There

Many mothers imagine that their daughter's fortune is made when she learns enough to thumb on a piano or labors enough to daub a cheap crown or to work a yellow dog on a door mat. Girls are too glad to be spoiled that way; teach them to command a regiment of pots and kettle; teach them to make good bread, good coffee; teach them to make garments and patch them when they need it. Teach them physical development; teach them it is more cruel and less Christian for American women to cramp and destroy their fun, liver and stomach; than it is for the Chinese to press their heads flat, or for the Chinese to make their feet small. Good, healthy, and industrious girls make happy home, good wives and mothers.

Two years passed. The fragile invalid upon whom for so long Ruth had bestowed a daughter's tender care and devotion, was dead, and Ruth was left alone.

Mimi had lovingly and urgently begged her to come and make her home with them, and Mortimer had urged it, too.

I will come to you gladly, Ruth had said in reply, but only for a short time, for I have made my arrangements to enter a hospital and become a nurse. You must not think me selfish if I have decided to live my life in my own way.

This announcement was a great grief to Mimi. But even in the face of that and Mortimer's strong remonstrance, Ruth stood firm.

Don't grudge me this, she said with a smile that reminded him strangely of other days. It has been my desire and intention for a long, long time.

During the weeks that they were together Ruth entered heartily into all of Mimi's interests, and hopes and plans. And Mortimer, silently watching and comparing them, saw at last the difference in stature of their two souls.

And, strangely enough, he suddenly had come to see himself by another light. He had not fulfilled the promise of his youth. His great picture had not been painted, and he felt dissatisfied, though he knew that his young wife thought him and all his work perfection. But before Ruth's clear and unwavering eyes he quailed. He had not reached the high standard she had set for him, and which once had been his own.

They chanced to be alone together in his studio, and Ruth was standing before the weak, half-finished picture upon his easel.

Oh, if you had not failed me, Ruth! he groaned miserably. With you—all heights had been possible!

There was a silence, during which he would have given his right hand to have recalled those ill-considered words.

Then, as if she had not heard him, Ruth spoke.

There is something wrong, Mortimer—you must begin again. There is yet time. You are reading to mamma, while I came because—I wanted to speak to you.

Then seeing it was Ruth he jumped up and advanced to meet her with a half embarrassed air.

Mimi and I have changed places this morning, Ruth said with a fleeting smile. She is reading to mamma, while I came because—I wanted to speak to you.

She drew a quick breath as he took her hand and led her to her old seat among the rocks.

You have had a hard, anxious time of it lately, Mortimer said to break the silence.

Yes, she answered slowly, and now when it is over many things seemed—changed. Mortimer—I think there has been—a mistake—has there not? Indeed, I am sure of it! And so I have come to ask for—my release.

Ruth! As she raised her eyes to his, his glance fell, and his bronze cheek flushed.

If a mistake was made, it is surely better to have found it out—in time, she said. You will set me free!

Ruth, you mean—you do not live me?

Her eyes drooped then and her color rose.

Spare me all further confession, she said. We are not suited to one another. I see that now.

Let us forget this dream, of which none but ourselves need know. But be generous, Mortimer!

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF—

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1906 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WARDEN'S STORE
JANUARY 26th, 1907.
From 2 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
JANUARY 21st, 1907.
From 3 to 4 o'clock, P. M.

AT DELANEY'S,
DAVIE STORE
JANUARY 24th, 1907.
From 10 A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE
GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF
NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

SECTION 35. That on all taxes paid before the first day of August there shall be an abatement of 5 per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid after the first day of December five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

REGISTRY'S ORDER.

OFFICER OF REGISTER OF WILLS,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELE. Aug. 24, 1906.
Upon the application of Mary C. Weid,
widow of George H. Weid, in said County,
and of the Executor of his estate, John
Beith, of this office, it is ordered that the
Administrator of the estate of George H. Weid,
deceased, be granted Letters of Administration
on the estate of the deceased, and that the same
be issued to the said Administrator, or to
any other person whom the said Administrator
may designate, with full power to collect
the debts and credits of the estate, and to
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